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Re: Latasha Holloway, pro se, v. City of Virginia Beach, et als
Civil Action No. 2:18-cv-0069

Just to follow up to our prior phone conference. It has been painful continuing to live under this current apartheid at-large system in the City of Virginia Beach. It would equally painful to even consider a rank choice system that would produce the same apartheid outcome thereby undermining people of color's opportunity to have a candidate of our choice and dilute their political clout.

The Virginia Beach at-large elections schemes are unlawful and the city of Virginia Beach can not be trusted with maintaining an at-large scheme. Virginia Beach should be prohibited from maintaining its current apartheid at-large scheme.

43 **§ 24.2-222. Election and terms of mayor and council for cities and towns.**
44 *A. The qualified voters of each city and town shall elect a mayor, if so provided by charter, and a*
45 *council for the terms provided by charter. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or*
46 *special, in a city or town that imposes district-based or ward-based residency requirements for members*
47 *of the city or town council, the member elected from each district or ward shall be elected by the*
48 *qualified voters of that district or ward and not by the locality at large.*
49 *B. Except as provided in § 24.2-222.1, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or*
50 *special: (i) any election of mayor or councilmen of a city or town whose charter provides for such*
51 *elections at two-year or four-year intervals shall take place at the May general election of an*
52 *even-numbered year and (ii) any election of mayor or councilmen of a city or town whose charter*
53 *provides for such elections at one-year or three-year intervals shall take place at the general election in*
54 *May of the years designated by charter. The persons so elected shall enter upon the duties of their*
55 *offices on July 1 succeeding their election and remain in office until their successors have qualified.*

HB2198H1

See attached

<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+ful+HB2198H1+pdf>

I just want to reiterate my request for remedy of the Virginia Beach City Council Electoral Scheme:

Reconfiguration of city council to a 6:1 coupled with ward/single member districts. The court may consider an at-large mayor in this 6:1 system.

I trust that you will forward this letter and these concerns on to the District Judge assigned to this case.

Sincerely yours,

Latasha Holloway

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Cc: The Honorable Judge Raymond A. Jackson